

BRIEFLY

DOWMAN COULD BECOME YOUNGEST CHAMPIONS LEAGUE PLAYER



Arsenal winger Max Dowman could become the youngest player in Champions League history if he features at Athletic Bilbao when the new-look format returns on Tuesday.

Dowman, who became the second youngest Premier League player last month, is 15 years, 259 days.

This is the second season of the league phase format with 36 teams playing eight different opponents on a weighted schedule through January, and ranked in a single-standings table. The first round is spread over three days this week. Record 15-time champion Real Madrid hosts Marseille and needs just one win and two goals to become the first team to reach the respective landmarks of 200 wins and 700 goals. Madrid has beaten Marseille on all four previous occasions they have met in Europe's elite competition.

F1 IN 2026 TO HAVE SIX SPRINT EVENTS



Six sprint events, including three at new locations, are on next year's Formula 1 calendar. The total number of sprints stays the same, with the first event of 2026 taking place in Shanghai followed by Miami.

Silverstone, which last hosted a sprint in 2021, returns.

Montreal, Zandvoort and Singapore are set to host their first ever sprint weekend, F1 announced on Tuesday. There will be no sprint weekends in the last six rounds of the championship, a stark contrast with this season which features three sprints in the final six grands prix. The 2026 F1 calendar features 24 races and was published in June. Sprints are shorter races covering 100 kilometers, about one-third of a grand prix distance. According to F1 figures, TV viewership during sprint weekends in 2024 averaged 10 per cent higher than on non-sprint weekends.

JAY STACY APPOINTED HIL TEAM KALINGA LANCERS COACH



Legendary Australian Jay Stacy was on Tuesday appointed head coach of Vedanta Kalinga Lancers for the upcoming edition of the Hockey India League, which was revived earlier this year.

He will take over from German coach Valentin Altenburg, who led the side in the previous campaign.

The 57-year-old tactician made 321 international appearances for Australia and was part of the national side that won three Olympic medals (silver, Barcelona 1992; bronze, Atlanta 1996; and bronze, Sydney 2000), besides gold at the 1998 Commonwealth Games in Kuala Lumpur and the 1999 Champions Trophy.

Stacy retired in 2000 as Australia's most capped international player. The Australian has worked as a coach across clubs and domestic circuits in Australia, Netherlands, and Belgium, and also served as head coach of the Mumbai franchise during the 2016 and 2017 editions of the HIL.

COLOMBO ADDED AS NEUTRAL VENUE FOR WOMEN'S T20 WC FOR BLIND



The Cricket Association for the Blind in India (CABI) on Tuesday added Colombo as a neutral venue to stage matches involving Pakistan during the maiden Women's T20 World Cup. Kathmandu was the original neutral venue, but the CABI informed in a press release that Sri Lanka has been added as an additional host owing to the prevailing volatile situation in Nepal.

The shifting of the venue was decided after the Executive Committee of the World Blind Cricket Council (WBCC) held a virtual meeting on Monday. The CABI officials will soon begin consultations with their counterparts in Colombo to oversee arrangements.

New Delhi and Bengaluru are the other venues of the tournament to be held from November 11 to November 25. The tournament will feature 21 league matches, two semi-finals, and a grand finale, with games spread across New Delhi, Bengaluru, and Colombo.

Speaking on the upcoming World Cup, Mahantesh G. Kivadasannavar, Chairman of CABI said, "This World Cup is more than just a tournament, it is a celebration of courage, skill, and inclusion."

ICC rejects PCB's demand to remove Pycroft

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA ■
Dubai

The ICC on Tuesday rejected Pakistan's demand to remove match referee Andy Pycroft from the panel of officials for the ongoing Asia Cup despite the PCB's reported threat of a pullout after blaming the Zimbabwean for the "no handshake" furore that followed the game against India.

The Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) had filed a complaint with the ICC alleging that Pycroft asked its captain Salman Ali Agha not to shake hands with his Indian counterpart Suryakumar Yadav at the time of toss in their Asia Cup match on Sunday.

"Late last night, ICC had sent a reply to PCB stating that Pycroft won't be removed and their plea has been rejected," an ICC source said. The 69-year-old Zimbabwean is due to officiate Pakistan's final group stage game against the UAE on Wednesday.

Pakistan team manager Naved Cheema had also filed a complaint with the Asian



Cricket Council alleging that it was on Pycroft's insistence that team sheets weren't exchanged between the two skippers on Sunday as is the norm. After the match that India won by seven wickets, Suryakumar and his men did not exchange handshakes with their cross-border rivals as a mark of respect for the Pahalgam terror attack victims and their families.

Pycroft is one of the senior-most match referees in ICC Elite Panel with 695 international games to his credit (men and women across three formats).

It is reliably learnt that the situation arose due to PCB's Director of Cricket Operations

Usman Walha, who didn't apprise his own skipper about the rules and regulations that are to be followed during the tournament.

It is learnt that an irate PCB chief Mohsin Naqvi, who is also the current chairman of the Asian Cricket Council (ACC), ordered the sacking of Walha on Monday for the embarrassment caused to the national cricket team and its captain.

According to well-placed sources, it was Walha's duty to inform Salman about the "No Handshake" policy but he didn't do so and the Pakistan skipper was apparently caught unawares by the turn of events.

WHAT HAPPENS IF PAKISTAN PULLS OUT OF ASIA CUP?

Dubai: Pakistan's reported threat to pull out from the ongoing Asia Cup after demanding ICC match referee Andy Pycroft's removal won't be particularly easy to go ahead with as any such move could result in a revenue loss of anything between USD 12 to 16 million for the country.

Five Test-playing nations – India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh and Afghanistan – earn 15 percent each constituting 75 per cent of the Asian Cricket Council's annual revenue. The remaining 25 per cent is shared by Associate nations.

The revenue verticals include share from broadcast deals (linear and digital), various sponsorships, and ticketing among others.

From this Asia Cup alone, the Pakistan Cricket Board's projected earning is between USD 12 to 16 million and any decision of a pullout could well spell doom for a cricketing body which isn't as flush with cash as the BCCI.

Sony Pictures Network India (SPNI) inked an eight-

year deal (2024-2031) with the ACC for \$170 million.

The deal also includes broadcast of women's Asia Cup and the Under-19 men's Asia Cup.

Naqvi, who also holds the post of Federal Minister for Interior and Narcotics Control in Pakistan, is currently the head of ACC as well.

But in his capacity as PCB chief, he has not minced words while lashing out at Pycroft, holding him responsible for the furore that was triggered by the Indian team's refusal to shake hands with Pakistani players after their match on Sunday.

The ICC has refused to remove Pycroft, rejecting PCB's demand.

"Can Naqvi risk Pakistan losing around \$16 million out of a projected budget of \$227 million for the fiscal year? That will be roughly seven per cent of the annual PCB revenue gone.

"It will be walking on thin ice for him. But again as one of the important ministers of Pakistan, he also needs to

keep his respect in front of his countrymen," a source privy to developments in PCB told PTI on conditions of anonymity.

It is clear that if PCB decides to pull out then it would be left alone in the ACC board room where other directors might object to it getting the 15 per cent annual share without playing the matches of a marquee event.

Naqvi, as the head of ACC, will also have to bear the brunt and face the ire of the official broadcaster, which can refuse to pay the agreed upon fee.

The India-Pakistan match is the biggest revenue generator and a pull-out would potentially mean huge loss for the broadcaster which always sells advertisement slots for the marquee match at a premium.

In all, Naqvi and Pakistan have a lot to lose and very little to gain. Therefore, Pycroft is likely to continue as the referee in their game against the UAE on Wednesday.

India look to level series against Australia

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA ■
Mullanpur (Punjab)

India's big defeat against Australia in the opening women's ODI may have come as a dampener ahead of the World Cup, but the team would look to level the series against Alyssa Healy's side with a stronger bowling and fielding effort in the second match here on Wednesday.

Skipper Harmanpreet Kaur's wards did well with the bat by putting up a challenging total, courtesy half-centuries from batting mainstays Pratika Rawal, charismatic opener Smriti Mandhana and Hareen Deol.

But poor fielding came back to haunt them yet again in the opening encounter of the three-match series.

The four dropped catches let Australia, who would be India's toughest opponents apart from England in the women's World Cup scheduled later this month, off the hook and they managed to finish the task of chasing 281 runs in double-quick time.

Australia, on the other hand, seem to be pacing their preparations in a manner which could make them unstoppable in their quest for a record-extending eighth ODI World Cup title, something the Indian team management would be aware of.

The home conditions and pitches suit them, but the Indians still faltered and much of the blame lies with their fielding, middle and lower-order batting and the spinners, who are expected to spearhead India's quest for the elusive trophy.

The four spinners India employed in the opening match lacked the penetration, with only stalwart Sneha Rana managing a wicket, while the

other three — Deepti Sharma, Shree Charani and Radha Yadav — drew a blank. Australia's familiarity to India conditions, given the time their cricketers now spend in the country playing the Women's Premier League and bilateral series, might also have helped them.

In fact, Australia vice-captain Tahlia McGrath was spot on when she said before the series that her players "have been quite lucky" to be travelling to India every now and then.

The loss should come as a wake-up call to India as any total in the vicinity of 300 can be easily chased by the Australians, who have in their ranks veterans of several T20 and ODI World Cup campaigns such as Healy, Beth Mooney, Phoebe Litchfield, Ellyse Perry and Annabel Sutherland.

All of them scored heavily in the previous game, showing the team is ready for the World Cup, beginning in less than a fortnight. Perry, though, could be a doubtful starter on Wednesday after she retired hurt on 30 in the first match.

India's middle-order comprising Jemimah Rodrigues, wicketkeeper-batter Richa Ghosh and Deepti Sharma too would need to show the appetite to bat long and deep if India have to put up fighting totals consistently.

Despite scoring 281, with Rawal and Mandhana putting on 114 for the first wicket, India still fell short by 30-odd runs and Harmanpreet conceded that it was way below-par against a team like Australia. In that context, India would be hoping for a much improved effort in all three departments on Wednesday.



MANDHANA RECLAIMS NUMBER 1 SPOT IN ICC ODI RANKING FOR WOMEN BATTERS

Dubai: Star Indian top-order batter Smriti Mandhana reclaimed her number 1 spot in the latest ICC ODI ranking for women batters released on Tuesday, following her half-century in a losing cause against Australia.

Mandhana struck a 63-ball 58 in the opening game of the three-match series in Mullanpur but her effort went in vain as Australia overhauled the target with ease to go 1-0 up.

The number 1 spot will boost Mandhana's confidence going into the Women's Cricket World Cup, which starts on September 30. The half-century was enough for Mandhana to gain seven rating points and move four points ahead of England stalwart Nat Sciver-Brunt, who dropped to second spot. Mandhana has 735 rating points to Sciver-Brunt's 731. Mandhana first held the number 1 ODI batter ranking in 2019 and

has now had two stints in the top position in 2025.

India opener Pratika Rawal, who scored 64, jumped four spots to 42nd, while top-order batter Harleen Deol is now placed 43rd after a well-made 54 against Australia.

For Australia, left-handed stalwart Beth Mooney rose three spots to fifth following her unbeaten 77, while Annabel Sutherland (up four places) and Phoebe Litchfield (up 13 runs) shared the 25th place following half-centuries in the match their team won by eight wickets.

Pacer Kim Garth and spinner Alana King are up one spot each to be fourth and fifth in the ODI bowling ranking, their highest ever.

India spinner Sneha Rana, who took a wicket in the first ODI, improved five runs to move to 13th, with England spinner Sophie Ecclestone maintaining her place as the number 1-ranked bowler.

Apollo Tyres new jersey sponsor of Indian cricket team

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA ■
New Delhi

Apollo Tyres has been locked in as the new jersey sponsor for the Indian cricket team for a period of two and a half years following the exit of online gaming platform Dream11, the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) announced on Tuesday.

The BCCI was left without a shirt sponsor for the team after the government banned real money gaming platforms including Dream 11 under a new legislation.

The team is currently playing the Asia Cup in Dubai without a title sponsor.

"The BCCI today announced a landmark partnership with Apollo Tyres, a leader in the global tyre industry, as the new lead Sponsor of Team India," said the BCCI in a statement.

"This marks Apollo Tyres' first-ever foray into Indian cricket, a strategic move to align with a sport that resonates deeply with the nation. The new partnership, secured after a rigorous bidding process, represents a substantial increase in sponsorship value, signifying the immense and growing commercial appeal of Indian cricket." It is reliably learnt that the deal, that will run through March 2028, is valued at ₹579 crore, higher than the ₹358 crore agree-

ment with Dream 11 for the same duration. The deal with the tyre major covers 121 bilateral games and 21 ICC games.

"The agreement spans two and a half years concluding in March 2028. Under the terms of the deal, the Apollo Tyres logo will be featured on the jerseys of the Indian men's and women's national teams across all formats. This partnership succeeds the previous sponsorship held by Dream11," added the BCCI.

Dream 11 shut down its real money games due to the 'Promotion and Regulation of Online Gaming Act 2025', which states that "no person shall offer any, aid, abet, induce, indulge, engage in offering online money gaming services nor shall involve in any advertisement which directly or indirectly promotes any person to play any online money game".

The BCCI had released the invitation for Express of Interest for the team's lead sponsor rights earlier this month, confirming that there will be no shirt sponsor for the ongoing Asia Cup. The Board had barred companies dealing in real money gaming, cryptocurrency, tobacco, and alcohol from the process.

Apollo Tyres is a multinational company headquartered in Gurugram. The tyre maker has manufacturing units in India and abroad, including Europe.



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Tender Notice No./3123/2024-25
Dated: 15 Sept, 2025

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This is to inform all concerned that the tender " Proposal Of Empanelment Of Agencies For Prepare, Printing and Supply of Examination Centre Management Kits And Related Activities" Published . Interested and eligible bidders are invited to submit their bids from Dated-15.09.2025 as per the tender document.
For more details, please visit <http://www.uktenders.gov.in> or contact UKSSSC e-mail usscc15@gmail.com.

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Dt. 15.09.2025
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Tender Closing Time 16:00

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Period of Completion 6 Months

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